

February 17, 2021

Spadina Crescent East
Saskatoon Saskatchewan

City Council,

As residents of the downtown, we are writing this letter to express our great objection to the Saskatoon City Council amending the bylaw that would result in the subdivision of the parcel of land on which the Knox United Church heritage building is situated.

While Spadina Crescent is our home, it is also a destination point for many citizens in Saskatoon to gather and enjoy the riverbank views while taking in the historic beauty that the street has to offer. Arguably, St. John Cathedral, Knox United Church and the space between the two historic buildings is one the most iconic locations in the city. The designation as a historic site was made for posterity so that history would be protected. The proposed amendment will result in the development of a high rise building that will forever alter the historic beauty of the downtown and erase the existing ambiance. The massive 19 story complex structure that will be built will diminish the significance of the churches and forever erode the vibe of the street.

It is incumbent on this Council to preserve the historic designation of this site and to not consider changing bylaw.

Thank you,

Trish Hastings and Scott McBride